

### REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on April 26, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 47-52 are added; as a result, claims 1-52 are now pending in this application. No new subject matter has been added.

#### §102(e) Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Rivette et al (U.S. 5,991,751). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection.

Regarding Claims 1, Rivette et al disclose "the documents identified by a search can be easily added to a new group or an existing group by invoking appropriate enterprise server commands . . ." (col. 26, lines 17-20). Rivette et al further disclose "[i]n the user interface at client 304, 306, the operator implements this function using drag-and drop techniques." (col. 26, lines 21-23). Rivette et al disclose adding groupings of documents by enterprise commands implemented in the user interface.

In contrast, Applicant's claim 1 recites in pertinent part, "the user adding additional records to the user portfolio database one at a time by identifying intellectual property assets one at a time using the client computer." Applicant can find no such corresponding teaching in the Rivette disclosure as cited by Examiner.

Regarding claims 2-21 and 42-46, said claims are dependent upon base claim 1. Applicant believes base claim 1 is allowable and therefore, claims 2-21 and 42-46 are also allowable.

Regarding claims 4-8, Rivette et al disclose a patent aging module that "operates to identify and analyze the remaining terms of patents that map to products, corporate entities, or inventors . . ." (col. 88, lines 36-38). Rivette et al further disclose a financial module that "performs patent-centric and group-oriented processing of data in the financial database" (col. 93, lines 7-9). Rivette et al disclose constructing models based on business and financial data.

In contrast Applicant's method claims 4-8 recite in pertinent parts, "docketing information" including for example, "renewal", "fees owed", "maintenance" and "status".

Applicant can find no such corresponding teaching in the Rivette disclosure as cited by Examiner.

Regarding claims 9-11, Rivette et al disclose a financial module that “performs patent-centric and group-oriented processing of data in the financial database” (col. 93, lines 7-9). Rivette et al disclose constructing models based on financial data. In contrast, Applicant’s method claims 9-11 recite in pertinent parts, “perform legal services with respect to IP asset . . . .” Applicant can find no such corresponding teaching in the Rivette disclosure as cited by Examiner.

Regarding claim 22, Rivette et al disclose “the documents identified by a search can be easily added to a new group or an existing group by invoking appropriate enterprise server commands . . . .” (col. 26, lines 17-20). Rivette et al further disclose “[i]n the user interface at client 304, 306, the operator implements this function using drag-and drop techniques.” (col 26, lines 21-23). Rivette et al disclose adding groupings of documents by enterprise commands implemented in the user interface.

In contrast, Applicant’s claim 22 recites in pertinent part, “the client computer enabled to allow a user to request additional records be added to the user portfolio database one at a time by identifying intellectual property assets one at a time using the client computer.” Applicant can find no such corresponding teaching in the Rivette disclosure as cited by Examiner.

Regarding claims 23-41, said claims are dependent upon base claim 22. Applicant believes base claim 22 is allowable and therefore, claims 23-41 are also allowable.

Regarding claims 25-29, Rivette et al disclose a patent aging module that “operates to identify and analyze the remaining terms of patents that map to products, corporate entities, or inventors . . . .” (col. 88, lines 36-38). Rivette et al further disclose a financial module that “performs patent-centric and group-oriented processing of data in the financial database” (col. 93, lines 7-9). Rivette et al disclose constructing models based on business and financial data.

In contrast, Applicant’s system claims 25-29 recite in pertinent parts, “docketing information” including for example, “renewal”, “fees owed”, “maintenance” and “status”. Applicant can find no such corresponding teaching in the Rivette disclosure as cited by Examiner.

Regarding claims 30-32, Rivette et al disclose a financial module that “performs patent-centric and group-oriented processing of data in the financial database” (col. 93, lines 7-9). Rivette et al disclose constructing models based on financial data. In contrast, Applicant’s system claims 30-32 recite in pertinent parts, “perform legal services with respect to IP asset....” Applicant can find no such corresponding teaching in the Rivette disclosure as cited by Examiner.

*Documents Cited but Not Relied upon for this Office Action*

Applicant need not respond to the assertion of pertinence stated for the references cited but not relied upon by the Office Action since these references are not made part of the rejections in this Office Action. Applicant is expressly not admitting to this assertion and reserves the right to address the assertion should it form part of future rejections.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6902 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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